

graded for building purposes, to some extent; but none of it has ever been under cultivation.—NORMAN P. WOODWARD, Worcester, Massachusetts.

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A SEEDLESS BARBERRY FOUND AT SHERBORN, MASSACHUSETTS.—At the request of the editor, it gives me pleasure to send RHODORA some notes upon a seedless Barberry, which I recently sent to the Gray Herbarium, where it was identified as *Berberis vulgaris*, var. *asperma*. The shrub has been known here for about forty years, but its characteristic feature was not found out until four or five years ago, when it was discovered by chance. The shrub stands in partial shade on sloping ground in a dry, rocky field, which was formerly an open pasture but is now rapidly growing up to pitch pines, junipers, blueberries, etc. Behind it is a thick stand of second growth woods, the original trees having been cut about thirty-five years ago. There are other barberries in the field, but all are typical *B. vulgaris*. So far as known the land has never been cultivated, and the plant appears to be thoroughly wild. It was brought to my notice in the autumn of 1911 by the discoverer of its seedless character, who not being a botanist did not appreciate the scientific interest of the discovery. The plant bore little fruit then, though it was large and apparently thrifty, and I was able to collect only a poor specimen, which was deposited in the herbarium of the Boston Society of Natural History, No. 713 of the Flora of Sherborn, Massachusetts. This year, however, I have been able to get good flowering and fruiting material, specimens of which I have placed in the Gray Herbarium and with the Boston Society of Natural History, Nos. 713a and 713b.—MARTHA LOUISE LOOMIS, Sherborn, Massachusetts.

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AN AMERICAN STATION FOR ILLECEBRUM VERTICILLATUM.—Among some plants recently identified for me at the Gray Herbarium was a specimen of *Illecebrum verticillatum* L., a species somewhat widely distributed in Europe and northern Africa, but apparently not hitherto recorded from America. I found it on land formerly occupied by the Reading Nursery, at Reading, Massachusetts. This nursery lot was